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AUSTRALIAN BOOK PUBLISHING, 1968

In 1968 the National Library received 2,646 books and pamphlets (1,415 books and 1,231 pamphlets) published in Australia in that year. This was 307 more than the 2,339 books and pamphlets published in 1967 and received by the Library in that year. During 1968 the Library also received a further 699 books and pamphlets published in 1967, and 85 books and pamphlets published in 1966. Of the 1,415 books received, those classified as "literature" formed the largest group with 263 books, of which 181 were by Australian authors; 155 books were classified to "political science, political economy", 114 to "natural sciences" and 105 to "geography, travel". Of the 1,231 pamphlets (i.e. publications of 5 to 48 pages), the largest number (201) was classified to "law, public administration, etc.". This included a substantial number of Acts of Parliament and other government documents. The next largest groups of pamphlets were "political science, etc." (139) and "sociology statistics" (138). Of all books and pamphlets published in 1968 and received by the Library in 1968, 1,004, or 38% were published in New South Wales.

2. For purposes of these statistics, a book is a non-periodical publication of at least 49 pages, and a pamphlet is a non-periodical publication of not less than five and not more than 48 pages.

3. Statistics about Australian book publishing are prepared from data supplied by the National Library of Australia. Through the operation of the deposit provisions of the Copyright Act 1912-1966, and through its overseas collection agents and its own efforts, the National Library receives practically all books and pamphlets published in Australia (including the External Territories), although not necessarily in the year of publication. Publications "received" during the year include those for which cataloguing was completed up to the end of the following February. Because the statistics compiled and shown hereunder are classified according to the year of publication, the figures are subject to revision as publications come to hand subsequent to the year of publication. Most publications are received within three years of publication. No further additions will be made to the number of books shown as published in 1965 or earlier years. If publications in earlier years, previously unknown, are received, they are included in the total for the year two years before the latest. Details of publications according to year of publication and year of receipt by the National Library are shown in Table 1.

4. The method of counting conforms to international practice. Each title is counted as one unit. The figures cover all books and pamphlets published in Australia and the External Territories. They refer to first editions, new translations and re-editions, but do not include reprints. The figures include government publications, school textbooks, offprints, publications which form part of a series (but not periodicals) and illustrated works. They exclude publications of a transitory nature (such as advertising publications, time-tables and telephone directories), programmes of entertainments, etc., regulations and reports of business firms, calendars, musical works, maps and charts, and books and pamphlets not made available to the public.

5. The classification by subject group in Tables 2 and 3 is based on the divisions of the Dewey Decimal Classification.



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TABLE 1. - AUSTRALIAN (a) PUBLICATIONS : CUMULATIVE RECEIVALS ACCORDING TO
YEAR OF PUBLICATION AND YEAR OF RECEIPT, 1964-1968

Received by the National Library to the end of-	Published during -				
	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968
1964	1,385
1965	1,934	2,039
1966	2,117	3,180	1,712
1967	2,123	3,306	2,659	2,339	..
1968	2,123	3,306	(b)2,744	(b)3,038	(b)2,646

(a) Includes External Territories. (b) Incomplete. See paragraph 2, page 1.

TABLE 2. - BOOKS AND PAMPHLETS PUBLISHED IN AUSTRALIA (a) IN 1968 : BY
SUBJECT GROUPS

Subject group	Number of titles(b)		
	Books	Pamphlets	Total
Bibliography, libraries, general	32	43	75
Philosophy, psychology	10	12	22
Religion, theology	18	44	62
Social sciences -			
Sociology, statistics	37	138	175
Political science, political economy	155	139	294
Law, public administration, social relief, insurance	79	201	280
Military art and science	4	5	9
Education	97	70	167
Trade, communications, transport	26	52	78
Ethnography, manners and customs, folklore	17	3	20
Linguistics, philology	39	4	43
Science -			
Mathematics	39	15	54
Natural sciences	114	69	183
Technology, business -			
Medical sciences, public health	29	21	50
Technology, industries, trades and crafts	73	103	176
Agriculture, forestry, stock-breeding, hunting, fishing	44	60	104
Domestic science	21	13	34
Commercial and business management techniques	32	30	62
Art, amusement -			
Town planning, architecture, plastic arts, minor arts, photography, music, film, cinema, theatre, radio, television	57	67	124
Entertainment, pastimes, games, sport	30	5	35
Literature -			
History of literature, literary criticism	6	1	7
Anthologies, school editions	7	2	9
Australian literature - poetry	33	15	48
drama	2	1	3
fiction	138	20	158
essays	1	..	1
humour and miscellany	7	1	8
Other literature	69	20	89
Geography, travel	105	35	140
History, biography	94	42	136
Total	1,415	1,231	(c)2,646

(a) Includes External Territories. (b) Incomplete. See paragraph 2, page 1.

(c) Includes 16 publications in languages other than English.

TABLE 3. - AUSTRALIAN (a) PUBLICATIONS, 1964-1968 : BY SUBJECT GROUPS

Subject group	Published during -				
	1964	1965	1966(b)	1967(b)	1968(b)
Bibliography, libraries, general	42	101	111	103	75
Philosophy, psychology	18	23	19	15	22
Religion, theology	78	117	65	83	62
Social sciences	775	1,233	954	1,257	1,023
Linguistics, philology	32	45	64	48	43
Science	215	302	282	271	237
Technology, business	428	607	475	502	426
Art, amusement	115	142	174	140	159
History of literature, literary criticism, anthologies, school editions	20	137	45	17	16
Australian literature - poetry	33	29	34	46	48
drama	22	5	4	4	3
fiction	156	236	186	195	158
essays	4	2	3	..	1
humour and miscellany	3	12	9	14	8
Other literature	20	21	72	93	89
Geography, travel, history, biography	162	294	247	250	276
Total	2,123	3,306	2,744	3,038	2,646

(a) Includes External Territories. (b) Incomplete. See paragraph 2, page 1.

TABLE 4. - AUSTRALIAN PUBLICATIONS 1964-1968 : STATE OR TERRITORY OF PUBLICATION

State or Territory	Published during -				
	1964	1965	1966(a)	1967(a)	1968(a)
New South Wales	723	1,263	1,203	1,216	1,004
Victoria	539	710	603	782	726
Queensland	208	286	183	195	213
South Australia	146	252	163	211	181
Western Australia	105	168	63	113	139
Tasmania	59	98	48	51	42
Northern Territory	9	19	9	7	4
Australian Capital Territory	313	478	447	420	316
Papua-New Guinea	21	30	20	35	21
Nauru	..	2	5	8	..
Total	2,123	3,306	2,744	3,038	2,646

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